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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Debasis Bagchi et al.

Application No.: 10/805,129

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Art Unit: 1614

For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR  
DECREASING GHRELIN LEVELS

Examiner: Gregg Polansky

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is presented in response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2009, in which all pending claims (1, 9-11, 18, 25, 32, 36-43, 51-53, 60, 67, 74, 78-85, and 93-106) stand rejected, and is accompanied by a request for continued examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is solicited in light of the amendments and for the reasons set out herewith. This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for a two-month extension of time to June 5, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.